7. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Additional Secretary to Government*).
8. Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*).
9. Mr. E. G. Salter (*Director of Transport*).
10. Mr. S. N. Ure (*Public Service Commissioner*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Price of rice.

1. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that local rice is sold openly at 16 and even 18 chuckrams per 'pukka' in Travancore; and

(*b*) if so, whether this practice does not defeat the purpose of the policy of controlling the price of rice which Government seek to avoid?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Additional Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) Instances of violation of the provisions of Notification fixing the maximum price of rice and paddy have been brought to the notice of Government and in such cases necessary action under the law has been taken.

Price of rice.

2. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have fixed the price of rice made from local paddy?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: No.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know from the honourable member whether the price of the local rice has been fixed as yet?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: It has not been fixed. The matter is under consideration.

Supply of rice and paddy.

3. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attempts at getting a regular supply of rice and paddy from British India or elsewhere have been successful; and

(*b*) if so, to what extent?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, though not to the extent considered requisite by this Government.

Shortage of small coins.

4. ***Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state.

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